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SUBJ: GUINEAN REACTION TO EVENTS IN DAHOMEY

REF: A. CONAKRY 996; B. COTONOU 923

1. THE GUINEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PE) CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE
REGARDING EVENTS IN DAHOMEY (REF A), WHICH WAS BROADCAST OVER OFFICIAL

RADIO LAST WEEK, FINALLY PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL HOROYA JULY 1.
UPON CLOSE READING, COMMUNIQUE IS SURPRISINGLY EQUIVOCAL IN SUPPORT
OF KEREKOU. WHILE DENOUNCING "FOREIGN IMPERIALIST PRESS" AND
REFERRING TO "MILITANT SOLIDARITY BETWEEN GUINEAN AND DAHOMENA
REVOLUTIONS," COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT GUINEA "RESERVES ITS JUDGMENT"
REGARDING EVENTS IN COTONOU. SINCE INITIAL COMMUNIQUE, OFFICIAL
GUINEAN RADIO HAS MAINTAINED TOTAL SILENCE ON SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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2. EMBASSY HAS HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN GENERAL TERMS

WITH LOWER-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. THESE OFFICIALS SEEM WELL INFORMED ON SITUATION, BUT STATE THAT THE INFO COMES FROM

REPORTS ON FRENCH INTER AND VOA. OFFICIALS HAVE NOT VOLUNTEERED COMMENTARY ON SITUATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOTED REPORTS FROM COTONOU (REF B) THAT GUINEAN "ESCAPE PLANE" AVAILABLE FOR KEREKOU IF NEEDED. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION PREVENTS US FROM ATTEMPTING DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS OR ON PREVIOUS REPORTS OF PRESENCE GUINEAN TROOPS IN COTONOU.

4. MININFO AND IDEOLOGY SENAINON
BEHANZIN HAS BEEN BACK ON
JOB IN CONAKRY FOR SOME TIME, AND SEEMS FULLY RESTORED TO SEKOU TOURE'S GOOD GRACES. WE EXPECT THAT BEHANZIN CONTINUES TO INFLUENCE TOURE'S VIEWS ON DAHOMEY SITUATION, THOUGH WE HAVE NO WAY TO CONFIRM THIS.

5. TOURE PROBABLY MOST CONCERNED BY KEREKOU'S PROBLEMS. IN RECENT MONTHS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF GUINEA'S SEEMINGLY HOPELESS ECONOMIC SITUATION, EMBASSY HAS SEEN SIGNS THAT GOG HAS REDOUBLED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, PROBABLY FEARING OUTBREAK OF SAME KIND OF SPONTANEOUS ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITY THAT APPEARS TOMBE TAKING PLACE IN DAHOMEY.
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